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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT TO ARGENTINA

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1. EMBASSY CONCURS THAT ACTIVATION OF WORKING GROUPS WOULD BE USEFUL PRELIMINARY TO SECRETARY'S VISIT WITH GOOD CHANCE OF YIELDING POSITIVE RESULTS. TRADE, INVESTMENT AND FINANCE GROUP WOULD SEEM MOST PROMISING, BUT WITH CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT WE WILL TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT POSSIBILITIES FOR OTHER GROUPS.

2. AS REPORTED LAST DECEMBER (REF B) EMBASSY AND FONOFF IN NORMAL COURSE OF EVENTS HAD PLANNED GET STARTED AFTER VACATION SEASON, BUT THIS FURTHER DELAYED BY COUP. IN VIEW THIS BACKGROUND, WE WERE ABLE SOUND OUT CHIEF OF NORTH AMERICAN DESK (MEDUS) LAST WEEK ON ACTIVATION OF TRADE, INVESTMENT AND FINANCE GROUP AS MATTER OF ROUTINELY GETTING THINGS STARTED. MEDUS THOUGHT THIS GOOD IDEA IN PRINCIPLE, BUT ASKED THAT WE DELAY A WEEK OR TWO. HE SAID HE IS USING IMMINENT ACTIVATION OF WORKING GROUPS AS DEVICE TO KEEP RESPONSIBLE MINISTRIES MOVING ON COMMISSIONS TO RESOLVE PROBLEMS WITH FOREIGN FIRMS (ITT/STANDARD, EXXON, SIEMENS, ETC.) AND THEREFORE HOPED EMBASSY

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WOULD NOT PUSH JUST YET FOR GROUP MEETINGS. THIS SEEMS REASONABLE,

BUT EMBASSY WILL NOT LET MATTER DRAG. MEANWHILE, WE CAN DEVELOP
IDEAS FOR GROUP DISCUSSIONS.
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